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"The Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia" is the name of a society to be organized at Victoria on the 25th of this month, and the hearty manner in which its objects and intents are being received is evidence that it will be successful. It is proposed to ask every man in this province to join, and have local branches in every town. Such an association may accomplish much good if fair play is given all round, and let us trust it will. To derive any benefit from it the interior must be well organized or else keep out of it altogether. The mining industry at the Coast and in Kootenay is different in many particulars and conditions that may be favorable to mining at the Coast may be the reverse in Kootenay, or vice versa. As the population is much denser at the Coast it is easy to see how the best interests of the interior could be diverted. Of course, at the outset the object is to benefit all parts, and to seek legislation with this in view.

There is work here for a humane society to take in hand and the sooner some effort is made in this direction the better, for some day the justly indignant citizens will take the law in their own hands and punish the offenders. During the past week there have been several cases right in town that have caused good men to severely condemn others for wilful neglect of their horses. Men have driven some distance to town and tied their animals to a tree, where they remained throughout a cold day unsheltered and unfed and in some cases away on in the night, while the owner soaked up booze and thought he made a good fellow of himself. In one instance it was lucky for a man that he left town when he did for he came near being tied to a tree himself for the remainder of the night. It is, indeed, a pity the idea was not carried out. Neglect of dumb animals is something no man can or should allow without interfering and it naturally brings to the surface all the bitterness towards the offender one possesses. Of course, in many cases the offender will excuse himself in this or that way, but they are inexcusable and should be punished and that severely.

We have before us the test set under the heading of geography at the recent High School entrance exam. It, in its way, is a gem of the palest ray serene. It may or may not have tested the common sense of the candidates before whom it was placed, but it surely does cast an unenviable glare on the mental make-up of the man who gave this as his conception of what the average boy or girl of 13 or 14 should know before being allowed to prosecute his or her studies in a High School.

Now, says the Victoria Times, arguing from a common sense point of view, we hold that an examination test to be honest should fulfil three conditions—the questions should be reasonable, the time for answering them adequate, and the marking fair. We hold that this test in geography violates all three of these conditions.

Take the question: "What are the names of the electoral districts into which the province is divided by the Redistribution Act of 1902, and how many members does it provide for each constituency?" There are just 34 of these names to remember and the small boy must attach to each the number of members. Why not add the members name, too? it will be useful 25 years hence.

Then we come to the 18 incorporated cities and the Times confesses that although its whole staff, from editor to office devil, has diligently hunted authorities they could only dig out 17 and of one of these were not sure.

We note that for the whole paper the time given was but an hour and a quarter. Why, an expert type-writer with all the data spread out before him would take fully that time to transcribe the matter. Retired teachers and clever professional men who have passed many examinations declare that two hours would be short enough time to transcribe the matter.

The Times lay else other subjects of the examinations much the same way and is right in doing so. This is very

interesting to parents and its publication undoubtedly will have the effect of bringing the exams. within reason. In Canada we boast of our schools and often talk of how much harder the examinations are here as compared with the United States, which is true and good, but are not our teachers inclined to make too much of this and discourage the pupils? How often do parents say: "We will send James across the line where he will pass quicker and that will encourage him?"

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Lowery's Claim Censored.

"Lowery's Claim" has been prohibited the use of the mail. The postmaster at New Denver received word to that effect, but the publisher received no word from the Government, according to the Ledger; both these papers are published by R. F. Lowery at New Denver. Mr. Lowery has a comic way of expressing himself that is all his own and frequently he touches on religious and other delicate subjects in a way that shocks some people, but pleases others. No doubt it is for some of these articles that the Claim has been censored. Lowery has been longer in the newspaper business in Kootenay than any other man and the blow is a hard one to him, and we agree with him that that the name of the censor should be made public, as also the reason for it. The press should have liberty but it should not abuse that liberty.

Will Pay Good Dividend.

So much has been said about the Laborers' Co-operative Silver and Copper Mining Company, operating at Golden, that the appended statement, taken from Secretary C. E. Nylm, is very interesting:

"At the Good Luck property, three shifts are at work with a shift of sorters. 800 sacks of good, clean, solid ore are already shipped, while 1000 sacks have been sent to the mine to be filled as well as the 800 which will be re-filled. This will be done this winter and by summer we hope to pay a good dividend."

It will be seen by the above that the ore must contain very high values in order to pay a good dividend.

On January 22nd the Fort Steele Prospector made a roar for a mail service to Wilmer. On Jan. 24th the Cranbrook Herald did the same. This is about the third time in a year that these papers have mention this requirement. This amuses THE OUTCROP for after roaring in nearly every issue for the year, we announced on Jan. 22nd that the Post Master General had decided to grant the request and establish a mail service from Cranbrook, via Fort Steele, to Wilmer.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS**And Other Items of Interest in a General Way**

Try THE OUTCROP for Job Printing.

The funeral of Edward Willstuck place last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Starke will leave for the Coast shortly.

A. R. Yates received a new stock of stationery goods Tuesday.

The new Wilmer meat market building is going up quickly.

H. E. Forster and A. Hume left for the Islands Monday for Golden.

The ladies of St. Peter's Church are giving a dance in the Windermere Hall, on Friday evening, February 20th. The proceeds will be devoted to clearing the debt on the church.

On St. Valentine's Eve, Friday, Feb. 13th, a dance will be given in Wilmer. Everyone is invited and the object is to have a good time.

Last week the telephone line between H. E. Forster's residence at Elands and the Peterborough Trading Co.'s store at Wilmer was completed. The service is a splendid one and will be of much benefit.

Let's behold! The Fort Steele Prospector reached here last week the day after it was published. Gracious! but that's swift work, Grace—just about 10 days early than via Calgary. It was brought up by J. H. Tynan and is good evidence of why we wanted a mail service from the south, which is now promised.

It is said that at Carbonate a very delicate menu is served to mining men and among the many dishes is "a roast squirrel," cooked by the patron, at two bits. This dish is especially recommended to wildcats for promoting nerve.

It pays to advertise in THE OUTCROP.

The ore shipped from the M. T. Fraction, situated on the North Fork of Tule creek, to date, totals 69,030 pounds, and the smelter returns gave \$4,264.03. This shows that it is high grade ore. The returns show that the ore smelted contained 8.64242 ounces of silver and 3.649 pounds of copper.

R. A. Power, the Wilmer operator, has received information from the Inspector that the Wilmer telegraph office is to have direct connection with the main wire to Golden at Windermere at once. This will be a convenience to both Windermere and Wilmer offices.

W. Harrison came down from the Paradise mine Sunday and is quite ill with the grippe.

H. B. Washburn is down from the Paradise taking care of a severe cold.

If you think it easy to run a newspaper ask the first 20 men you meet if they know any thing new.

The Washington Cat Club is promoting a \$5,000 bonus for cats. If this is established the pets need no longer endure the hunger and cold now suffered by the children of the poor.

While all over America the cry is for coal, the Windermere has no such trouble as there is plenty of good wood, but let us take care of our forests.

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Mine	Pounds	Value
Paradise	1,598,310	
" In transit	300,000	
Delphine	75,831	\$5,529.26
" In transit	135,500	
Red Line, in transit	102,000	
Seasons	4,000	
White Cat	2,000	
Silver Belt	29,500	1,450.00
M. T. Fraction	69,030	4,264.03
Bonyan	1,000	40.00
	2,385,141	\$7,286.55

Divine service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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